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ABSTRACT

Four questionnaires, designed to measure attitudes toward a proposed homework hotline, are included in this document. There are versions for parents of students in grades 4 to 6, for junior high school students, for high school students, and for educators. The items concern student characteristics, desirable parental role in helping with homework, time spent on homework, and number of nights homework is assigned. A number of questions also deal with the needs associated with a proposed telephone homework hotline and anticipated use: days of week, time of evening, and course subjects in which help is most needed. Some questions cover whether homework is routinely recorded, corrected, and returned. The teachers are asked whether they would work on the hotline, when they would be available, and what pay they would require. (GDC)

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HOMEWORK HOTLINE QUESTIONNAIRES

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HOMEWORK HOTLINE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR EDUCATORS

February 24, 1986

Dear Collegue,

A committee consisting of teachers, parents and administrators would like your assistance in determining the need for helping students with their homework. If students would benefit, the establishment of a telephone hotline will be considered. Other ways of helping students with their homework will also be looked into. Please take a few minutes of your valuable time to complete the attached questionniare and return it to your school secretary or me by March 14, 1986. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Balwant Singh

Balwant Singh
Coordinator of Planning,
Research & Evaluation
Administration Building

DIRECTIONS: Please use a #2 soft lead pencil and the purple answer sheet to answer questions on this questionnaire. DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE PURPLE ANSWER SHEET AND THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE OR BEND THE PURPLE ANSWER SHEET. THANK YOU.

I. Under the column headed "Grade or Education", blacken the number that is appropriate for you.

0 Elementary School Principal
1 Junior High School Principal/Associate Principal
2 High School Principal/Associate Principal
3 Junior High School Counselor
4 Senior High School Counselor
5 Elementary Self-Contained Teacher
6 Elementary Homeroom Teacher
7 Reading Teacher
8 English Teacher
9 Mathematics Teacher
10 Science Teacher
11 Social Studies Teacher
12 Teacher of some other subject
13 Teacher Aide
14 Central Office Adminstrator
15 Other

II. Under the section headed "Special Codes", in Column K, blacken the number that is appropriate for you.

0 Principal
1 Counselor
2 Elementary School Teacher
3 Junior High School Teacher
4 Senior High School Teacher
5 Other

(OVER)

Please continue to use the purple answer sheet to answer the following questions.

QUESTION 1: In your opinion, does homework help students do better in school?

A. Yes
B. No

QUESTION 2: In your opinion, at which of the following grade level(s) should homework begin?

A. Below Grade 3
B. At Grade 3 or 4
C. At Grade 5 or 6
D. At Grade 7 or higher
E. I do not believe that students should be given homework. They should be able to finish all work at school.

QUESTION 3: Which one of the following best describes your philosophy about homework and the role of parents in helping their children with it.

A. Parents should assist children directly in doing their homework, but should not do it for them.
B. Parents should provide moral support only.
C. Parents should leave homework entirely to their children and not get involved in anyway.
D. I do not believe that students should be given homework. They should be able to finish all work at school.

QUESTION 4: What do you feel is an appropriate length of time for homework for the grade level(s) and or subjects you teach?

A. Up to 15 minutes per night
B. Between 16 and 45 minutes per night
C. Between 46 and 75 minutes per night
D. More than 75 minutes per night
E. Not applicable / I do not believe in giving homework

If you have selected Choice E, go to Question 7.

QUESTION 5: How often do you assign homework to your students?

A. Everyday
B. Three or four days a week
C. Two days a week
D. One day a week

QUESTION 6: How do you handle the homework turned in by your students?

A. Return it after grading and or correcting it
B. Record and return it
C. Don't keep track of it
D. Other

QUESTION 7: If teachers and or volunteers were available in the evenings to answer questions about homework over the telephone, how often should such a service be offered?

A. Five or more evenings per week
B. Four evenings per week
C. Three evenings per week
D. One or two evenings per week
E. Such a service is not needed

If you selected Choice E in Question 7, you need not answer the remaining questions on this questionnaire. Go to the comments section on Page 4.

Use the following key to answer Questions 8-12.

A. Should be provided
B. Should not be provided

In which of the following subjects should this type of service be provided?

QUESTION 8: Reading
QUESTION 9: English
QUESTION 10: Mathematics
QUESTION 11: Science
QUESTION 12: Social Studies

If, in your opinion, help with homework in any other subjects should be provided, write them in the space below:_____

_____

Use the key below to answer Questions 13-19.

A. Yes, it is good
B. No, it is not good

Which of the following evening(s) is/are appropriate for such a service?

QUESTION 13: Monday
QUESTION 14: Tuesday
QUESTION 15: Wednesday
QUESTION 16: Thursday
QUESTION 17: Friday
QUESTION 18: Saturday
QUESTION 19: Sunday

QUESTION 20: What time of the evening would be most appropriate for such a service to begin?

A. 6:30 p.m.
B. 7:00 p.m.
C. 7:30 p.m.
D. 8:00 p.m.
E. Other (Please specify _____)

QUESTION 21: For how many hours an evening should such a service be offered?

A. One hour
B. One and one-half hours
C. Two hours
D. Two and one-half hours
E. Three hours

QUESTION 22: Would you work at a telephone hotline, if invited?

A. Yes, if I get paid for it
B. Yes, even if I **do not** get paid for it
C. No
D. Not sure

QUESTION 23: If teachers were to be hired to provide the said service, what will be an appropriate hourly wage for them?

A. Minimum wage
B. Four or five dollars per hour
C. Six or seven dollars per hour
D. Eight dollars per hour
E. Ten dollars per hour

QUESTION 24: If qualified citizens (other than Davenport teachers) were to be hired to provide the said service, what will be an appropriate hourly wage for them?

A. Minimum wage
B. Four or five dollars per hour
C. Six or seven dollars per hour
D. Eight dollars per hour
E. Ten dollars per hour

IV. COMMENTS (If any)

If you know of other equally good or better ways (than a telephone hotline) of helping students with their homework, write them in the space below. Also use the space below for any other comments you might have._____

1986 HOMEWORK HOTLINE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS
(Elementary Schools)

IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD ATTENDING THE DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, ANSWER ONLY FOR THE CHILD WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE ENVELOPE IN WHICH THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WAS ENCLOSED. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR THAT OF YOUR CHILD ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. THANK YOU.

CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF YOUR CHOICE

A. My child is in:

1. Grade Four 2. Grade Five 3. Grade Six

B. My child is doing:

1. above average work in school and is in the talented and gifted program.
2. above average work in school but is not in the talented and gifted program.
3. average work in school.
4. below average work in school and is not in a special education and or Chapter 1 program.
5. below average work in school and is in a special education and or Chapter 1 program.

C. In this house:

1. both parents live with the child.
2. one parent and one step-parent live with the child.
3. only one parent lives with the child.
4. grandparent(s) live with the child.
5. foster parent(s) live with the child.
6. none of the above live(s) with the child.

D. Write the code number of your child's school in the blank on the left.

_____

01 Adams	07 Garfield	12 Jefferson	17 Monroe
02 Blue Grass	08 Grant	13 Johnson	18 Perry
03 Buchanan	09 Harrison	14 Lincoln	19 Walcott
04 Buffalo	10 Hayes	15 Madison	20 Washington
05 Eisenhower	11 Jackson	16 McKinley	21 Wilson
06 Fillmore			

Circle the number of the answer of your choice.

QUESTION I: In your opinion, does homework help students do better in school?

1. Yes
2. No

QUESTION II: In your opinion, at which of the following grade level(s) should homework begin?

1. Below Grade 3
2. At Grade 3 or 4
3. At Grade 5 or 6
4. At Grade 7 or higher
5. I do not believe that students should be given homework. They should be able to finish all work at school.

QUESTION III: Which one of the following best describes your philosophy about homework and the role of parents in helping their children with it.

1. Parents should assist students directly in doing their homework, but should not do it for them.
2. Parents should provide moral support only.
3. Parents should leave homework entirely to their children and not get involved in anyway.
4. I do not believe that students should be given homework. They should be able to finish all work at school.

QUESTION IV: Is the amount of homework your child is assigned each week adequate for him or her?

1. Yes
2. No, it is more than needed
3. No, it is less than needed
4. Not sure/don't know

QUESTION V: Does your child bring home work assigned by his/her teachers?

1. Yes
2. No, if homework is assigned, s/he must be doing it before coming home.

<u>If your answer to the above question is NO, you need not answer the rest of the questions on this questionnaire. Go to the comments section on Page 4.</u>

QUESTION VI: How much time does your child spend each evening on his/her homework?

1. Up to 15 minutes per night
2. Between 16 and 45 minutes per night
3. Between 46 and 75 minutes per night
4. More than 75 minutes per night
5. Do not know/not sure

QUESTION VII: How often does your child need help in doing his/her homework?

1. Always
2. Frequently
3. Sometimes
4. Never
5. Not applicable

QUESTION VIII: If teachers and or volunteers were available in the evenings to answer questions about homework over the telephone, how often would your child use such a service?

1. Five or more evenings per week
2. Four evenings per week
3. Three evenings per week
4. One or two evenings per week
5. Do not need such service / will not use it

If you have selected Choice No. 5 in Question VIII, you need not answer the remaining questions on this questionnaire. Go to the comments section on Page 4.

Do the following to answer Questions IX through XIII.

If your child needs help with his/her homework in a subject write

1 in the space to the right of the subject.

If your child does not need help write
2 in the space to the right of the subject.

If you are not sure if your child needs help in that subject write
3 in the space to the right of the subject.

QUESTION	Subject	1 or 2 or 3
QUESTION IX:	Reading	
QUESTION X:	English	
QUESTION XI:	Mathematics	
QUESTION XII:	Science	
QUESTION XIII:	Social Studies	

If, in your opinion, help with homework in any other subjects should be provided, list them in the space below: _____

_____

_____

Use the key below to answer Questions XIV through XX.

1 Yes, it is good
2 No, it is not good

Which of the following evening(s) is/are appropriate for the homework hotline
service?

QUESTION	Day	1 or 2
QUESTION XIV:	Monday	
QUESTION XV:	Tuesday	
QUESTION XVI:	Wednesday	
QUESTION XVII:	Thursday	
QUESTION XVIII:	Friday	
QUESTION XIX:	Saturday	
QUESTION XX:	Sunday	

QUESTION XXI: Which of the following times is most appropriate for such a service to begin?

1. 6:30 pm
2. 7:00 pm
3. 7:30 pm
4. 8:00 pm
5. Other (Please specify _____)

QUESTION XXII: For how many hours an evening should such a service be offered?

1. One hour
2. One and one-half hours
3. Two hours
4. Two and one-half hours
5. Three hours

COMMENTS (If any)

If you know of other equally good or better ways of helping students with their homework than a telephone hotline, please write them in the space below. Also use the space below for any other comments you might have. Thank you.

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_____

HOMEWORK HOTLINE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

February 24, 1986

Dear Student,

A committee consisting of teachers, parents and administrators is interested in finding out if you need help with your homework. If you would benefit, the establishment of a telephone hotline will be considered. Other ways of helping you with your homework will also be looked into. Please take a few minutes of your time and complete the attached questionnaire. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Balwant Singh

Balwant Singh
Coordinator of Planning,
Research & Evaluation

DIRECTIONS: Please use a #2 soft lead pencil and the purple answer sheet to answer questions on this questionnaire. DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE PURPLE ANSWER SHEET AND THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. THANK YOU.

I. Under the section headed "Special Codes" in Column K, blacken the circle with:

1 If you are a male
2 If you are a female

II. Under the section headed "Special Codes" in Column L, blacken the circle with:

7 If you are in Grade 10
8 If you are in Grade 11
9 If you are in Grade 12

III. Under the section headed "Special Codes" in Column M, blacken the circle with:

1 If you are doing above average work in school and are in the talented and gifted program
2 If you are doing above average work in school but are not in the talented and gifted program
3 If you are doing average work in school
4 If you are doing below average work in school, but are not in any special education and or Chapter 1 program
5 If you are doing below average work in school and are in a special education and or Chapter 1 program

IV. Under the section headed "Special Codes" in Column N, blacken the circle with:

1 If you live with both parents
2 If you live with one parent and one step-parent
3 If you live with one parent only
4 If you live with grandparent(s) only
5 If you live with foster parent(s)
6 If you live with none of the above

Please continue to use the purple answer sheet to answer the following questions.

QUESTION 1: In your opinion, does homework help students do better in school?

A. Yes
B. No

QUESTION 2: In your opinion, at which of the following grade level(s) should homework begin?

A. Below Grade 3
B. At Grade 3 or 4
C. At Grade 5 or 6
D. At Grade 7 or higher
E. I do not believe that students should be given homework. They should be able to finish all work at school.

QUESTION 3: Which one of the following best describes your philosophy about homework and the role of parents in helping their children with it.

A. Parents should assist children directly in doing their homework, but should not do it for them.
B. Parents should provide moral support only.
C. Parents should leave homework entirely to their children and not get involved in any way.
D. I do not believe that students should be given homework. They should be able to finish all work at school.

Use the following key to answer Questions 4-8

A. I think it is too much
B. I think it is just right
C. I think it is not enough
D. No homework is given
E. Not applicable

How do you feel about the homework you get in the following subjects?

QUESTION 4: Reading
QUESTION 5: English
QUESTION 6: Mathematics
QUESTION 7: Science
QUESTION 8: Social Studies

Use the following key to answer Questions 9-13

A. Always
B. Most of the time
C. Sometimes
D. Never
E. Not applicable

Is your homework in the following subjects corrected and returned to you?

QUESTION 9: Reading
QUESTION 10: English
QUESTION 11: Mathematics
QUESTION 12: Science
QUESTION 13: Social Studies

QUESTION 14: How many minutes does it take you each evening to do your homework?

A. Up to 15 minutes per night
B. Between 16 and 45 minutes per night
C. Between 46 and 75 minutes per night
D. More than 75 minutes per night
E. I do all of my work at school.

If you have selected Choice E, you need not answer the rest of the questions in this questionnaire. Go to the comments section on Page 4.

QUESTION 15: When do you begin your homework?

A. 6:30 p.m.
B. 7:00 p.m.
C. 7:30 p.m.
D. 8:00 p.m.
E. Other (Please specify _____)

QUESTION 16: How often do you need help with your homework?

A. Always
B. Frequently
C. Sometimes
D. Never
E. Not applicable

QUESTION 17: If teachers and or volunteers were available in the evenings to answer questions about homework over the telephone, how often would you use such a service?

A. Five or more evenings per week
B. Four evenings per week
C. Three evenings per week
D. One or two evenings per week
E. Do not need such service / will not use it

If you selected Choice E in Question 17, you need not answer the remaining questions on this questionnaire. Go to the comments section on Page 4.

Use the following key to answer questions 18-22.

A. Need help
B. Do not need help

In which of the following subjects do you need help with your homework?

QUESTION 18: Reading
QUESTION 19: English
QUESTION 20: Mathematics
QUESTION 21: Science
QUESTION 22: Social Studies

If you need help in any other subjects, write them in the space below:

_____

_____

_____

Use the following key to answer Questions 23-29

A. Yes, it is good
B. No, it is not good

Which of the following evening(s) is/are good for a telephone hotline for students?

QUESTION 23: Monday
QUESTION 24: Tuesday
QUESTION 25: Wednesday
QUESTION 26: Thursday
QUESTION 27: Friday
QUESTION 28: Saturday
QUESTION 29: Sunday

QUESTION 30: For how many hours an evening should such a service be offered?

A. One hour
B. One and one-half hours
C. Two hours
D. Two and one-half hours
E. Three hours

COMMENTS (If any)

If you know of other equally good or better ways of helping students with their homework than a telephone hotline, please write them in the space below. Also use the space below for any other comments you might have.

HOMEWORK HOTLINE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

February 24, 1986

Dear Student,

A committee consisting of teachers, parents and administrators is interested in finding out if you need help with your homework. If you would benefit, the establishment of a telephone hotline will be considered. Other ways of helping you with your homework will also be looked into. Please take a few minutes of your time and complete the attached questionnaire. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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DIRECTIONS: Please use a #2 soft lead pencil and the purple answer sheet to answer questions on this questionnaire. DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE PURPLE ANSWER SHEET AND THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. THANK YOU.

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1 If you are a male
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II. Under the section headed "Special Codes" in Column L, blacken the circle with:

4 If you are in Grade 7
5 If you are in Grade 8
6 If you are in Grade 9

III. Under the section headed "Special Codes" in Column M, blacken the circle with:

1 If you are doing above average work in school and are in the talented and gifted program
2 If you are doing above average work in school but are not in the talented and gifted program
3 If you are doing average work in school
4 If you are doing below average work in school, but are not in any special education and or Chapter 1 program
5 If you are doing below average work in school and are in a special education and or Chapter 1 program

IV. Under the section headed "Special Codes" in Column N, blacken the circle with:

1 If you live with both parents
2 If you live with one parent and one step-parent
3 If you live with one parent only
4 If you live with grandparent(s)
5 If you live with foster parent(s)
6 If you live with none of the above

(OVER)

Please continue to use the purple answer sheet to answer the following questions.

QUESTION 1: In your opinion, does homework help students do better in school?

A. Yes
B. No

QUESTION 2: In your opinion, at which of the following grade level(s) should homework begin?

A. Below Grade 3
B. At Grade 3 or 4
C. At Grade 5 or 6
D. At Grade 7 or higher
E. I do not believe that students should be given homework. They should be able to finish all work at school.

QUESTION 3: Which one of the following best describes your philosophy about homework and the role of parents in helping their children with it.

A. Parents should assist children directly in doing their homework, but should not do it for them.
B. Parents should provide moral support only.
C. Parents should leave homework entirely to their children and not get involved in any way.
D. I do not believe that students should be given homework. They should be able to finish all work at school.

Use the following key to answer Questions 4-8

A. I think it is too much
B. I think it is just right
C. I think it is not enough
D. No homework is given
E. Not applicable

How do you feel about the homework you get in the following subjects?

QUESTION 4: Reading
QUESTION 5: English
QUESTION 6: Mathematics
QUESTION 7: Science
QUESTION 8: Social Studies

Use the following key to answer Questions 9-13

A. Always
B. Most of the time
C. Sometimes
D. Never
E. Not applicable

Is your homework in the following subjects corrected and returned to you?

QUESTION 9: Reading
QUESTION 10: English
QUESTION 11: Mathematics
QUESTION 12: Science
QUESTION 13: Social Studies

QUESTION 14: How many minutes does it take you each evening to do your homework?

A. Up to 15 minutes per night
B. Between 16 and 45 minutes per night
C. Between 46 and 75 minutes per night
D. More than 75 minutes per night
E. I do all of my work at school.

If you have selected Choice E, you need not answer the rest of the questions in this questionnaire. Go to the comments section on Page 4.

QUESTION 15: When do you begin your homework?
A. 6:30 p.m.
B. 7:00 p.m.
C. 7:30 p.m.
D. 8:00 p.m.
E. Other (Please specify _____)

QUESTION 16: How often do you need help with your homework?
A. Always
B. Frequently
C. Sometimes
D. Never
E. Not applicable

QUESTION 17: If teachers and or volunteers were available in the evenings to answer questions about homework over the telephone, how often would you use such a service?
A. Five or more evenings per week
B. Four evenings per week
C. Three evenings per week
D. One or two evenings per week
E. Do not need such service / will not use it

If you selected Choice E in Question 17, you need not answer the remaining questions on this questionnaire. Go to the comments section on Page 4.

Use the following key to answer questions 18-22.
A. Need help
B. Do not need help

In which of the following subjects do you need help with your homework?

QUESTION 18: Reading
QUESTION 19: English
QUESTION 20: Mathematics
QUESTION 21: Science
QUESTION 22: Social Studies

If you need help in any other subjects, write them in the space below:

_____

_____

_____

Use the following key to answer Questions 23-29

A. Yes, it is good
B. No, it is not good

Which of the following evening(s) is/are good for a telephone hotline for students?

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QUESTION 24: Tuesday
QUESTION 25: Wednesday
QUESTION 26: Thursday
QUESTION 27: Friday
QUESTION 28: Saturday
QUESTION 29: Sunday

QUESTION 30: For how many hours an evening should such a service be offered?

A. One hour
B. One and one-half hours
C. Two hours
D. Two and one-half hours
E. Three hours

COMMENTS (If any)

If you know of other equally good or better ways of helping students with their homework than a telephone hotline, please write them in the space below. Also use the space below for any other comments you might have.